



Consumer products

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KEMI, Customs Tighten Scrutiny on Imports

On 14 September 2026, the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI) published a regulatory report on the compliance of imported products, disclosing the results of its 2025 supervisory inspections, carried out in cooperation with Swedish Customs, of **consumer products, chemical products and pesticides**. The report shows that **electrical and electronic products, toys and jewellery are key risk categories, with prominent non-compliance issues involving restricted substances such as lead and cadmium, as well as labelling.**

1. Overall Enforcement Data

Category	Customs inquiry/inspection	Non-compliance/detention	Main measures
Consumer products	The Swedish Chemicals Agency received information from Swedish Customs on 171 cases, intervened in and inspected 122 of them, and inspected a total of 599 articles during the year.	293 types were subject to sales bans, and more than 43,000 articles were stopped.	Re-exported to the country of origin or destroyed.
Chemical products	The Swedish Chemicals Agency received 18 inquiries from Swedish Customs; inspected 52 products and ensured that approximately 69,000 products were correctly classified and labelled.	In cases where importers could not ensure product compliance, 11,000 packages were prohibited from import; of the 28 products inspected after import, 24 had serious deficiencies in classification and labelling and could only be resold after correction.	Prohibited from import into Sweden; correction before resale.
Pesticides	The Swedish Chemicals Agency received 100 inquiries from Swedish Customs regarding pesticides. Of these, only 76 were pesticide-related; the remaining inquiries concerned products outside the scope of any relevant legislation.	20 consignments were detained (13 biocides + 7 plant protection products).	Detained by Swedish Customs.





2.Consumer products

In 2025, KEMI inspected a total of 599 articles. In 2024, 460 were inspected, indicating a clear increase in inspection volume in 2025.

Table: Number of Consumer Products and Number of Products Subject to Sales Bans in 2025

	Jewellery	Electrical products	Toys	Plastic product	Total
Number of different product types	228	152	186	33	599
Number of different product types subject to sales bans	15	92	181	5	293

Common causes of non-compliance: lead content in solder in electrical and electronic products and electric toys exceeding limits; cadmium content in metal components of jewellery exceeding limits; some products were banned from sale due to non-compliant labelling, such as missing the CE marking or manufacturer contact information.

3. Chemical products

In 2025, KEMI inspected 52 chemical products, mainly cleaning and fragrance products. Typical non-compliance issues included: no packaging labels at all; missing Swedish-language labels; the same set of labels reused for products with different hazard classifications; and incorrect classification of hazardous substances.

4.Pesticides

The Swedish Chemicals Agency received 76 pesticide-related inquiries from Swedish Customs, of which 66 concerned biocides and 10 concerned plant protection products. Inspections found that 20 consignments were unauthorized products and were detained by Swedish Customs, involving





insecticides, disinfectants, herbicides, etc.

5.Regulations Involved

Products inspected by the Swedish Chemicals Agency must comply with various chemical regulations. The main regulations involved are:

Jewellery: REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006

Electrical products: RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU

Toys: Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC. Toys may also be subject to other requirements; for example, if a toy is electrical, certain restrictions under the REACH Regulation and the RoHS Directive apply.

Plastic products: REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 and POPs Regulation (EU) No 2019/1021

Chemical products: CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 and REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006

Biocides: Biocidal Products Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 and Pesticides Ordinance (2014:425)

Plant protection products: Plant Protection Products Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

Original link: <https://www.kemi.se/2026/tillsyn-9-26-tullkontroller>

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